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(MBHB Case No. 100116)

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97 - 1.99, the Applicant wishes to make the following references of record in the above-identified application. This Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with the continuing duty of candor as set forth in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56. The references are also listed on the enclosed PTO Form 1449.

In the judgment of the undersigned, portions of the listed references may be material to the Examiner's consideration of the presently pending claims. However, the references have not been reviewed in sufficient detail to make any other representation and, in particular, no representation is intended as to the relative relevance between references, whether cited in this or prior statements. This statement is not a representation that the listed references have effective dates early enough to be "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. Section 102 or Section 103.

United States Patents

1. Chow et al. U.S. Patent 4,789,648, issued Dec. 6, 1988
2. Cote et al. U.S. Patent 4,956,313, issued Sept. 11, 1990
3. Medellin U.S. Patent 5,137,544, issued Aug. 11, 1992
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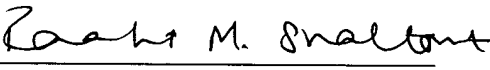
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